



*THE HILLTOP*

1950









# *Dedication*







WE, THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR CLASSES OF PETERSHAM HIGH SCHOOL, ARE VERY HAPPY TO DEDICATE THIS ISSUE OF THE HILLTOP TO MISS AMSDEN, WHO HAS BEEN OF TREMENDOUS HELP TO US DURING OUR YEARS OF SCHOOL. SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN UNSELFISH IN HER WORK FOR THE STUDENTS OF THIS SCHOOL. WE WISH TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION IN THIS WAY.

MISS AMSDEN CAME TO OUR SCHOOL IN 1926 AND STARTED TEACHING ONE DAY A WEEK. IN 1934 SHE BEGAN TEACHING FULL TIME, AND SHE NOW CONTINUES TO WORK WITH US ON THAT BASIS. HER SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN LONG, AND ALWAYS SHE HAS SHOWN A HEART-FELT INTEREST IN THE WELFARE OF THE PUPILS AND OF THE SCHOOL.

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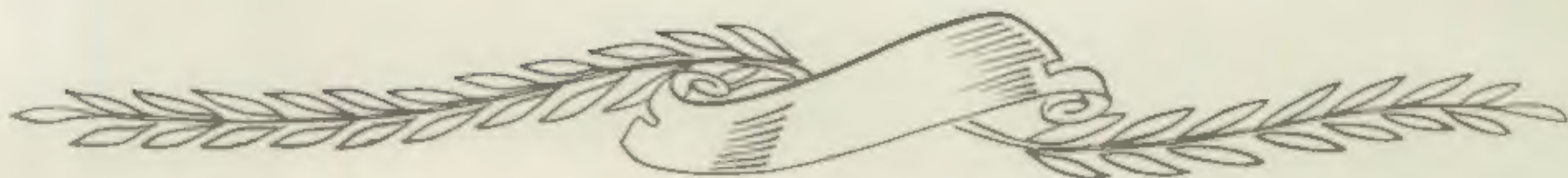
## Foreword

This annual, which is published by the students at Petersham Center School, does not tell about the little things in the daily school life. It does not show a girl adjusting to her society, nor a boy controlling his temper, nor a teacher influencing the careers of the many students. These are very important happenings in our school, yet we cannot report them accurately because we cannot observe them accurately.

The countless experiences finally total the pupil and his personality. Many agencies contribute to making him as he is, and the school is one of these. This yearbook serves to record the highlights of the activities which have taken place during this school year.

Sometime, somewhere, somehow the influence of the public school training in America will be fully recognized for its importance in the improvement of our civilization. The constant emphasis on freedom and the democratic way in our schools plays a great role in the history of mankind.

William P. Robbins, Principal



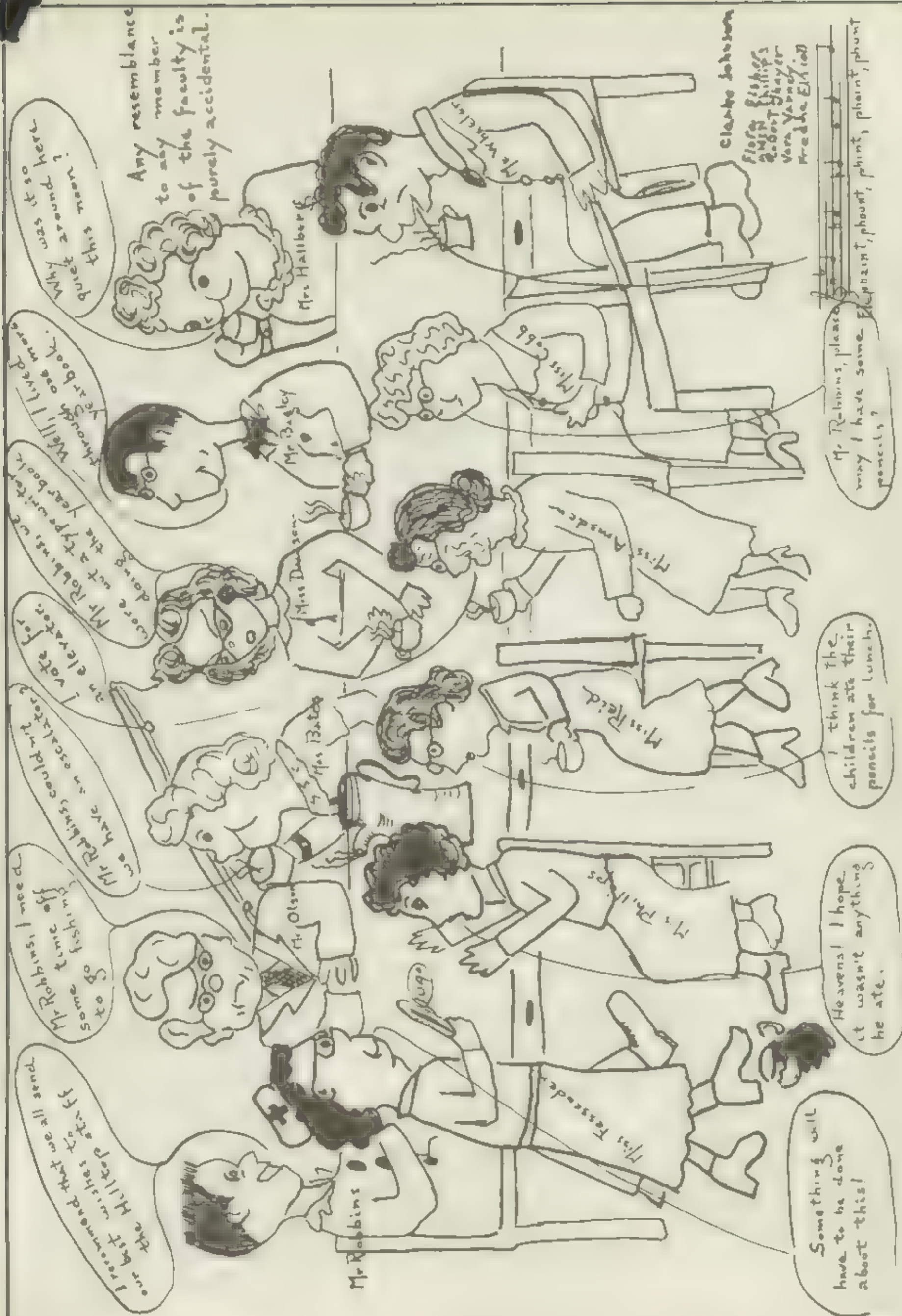






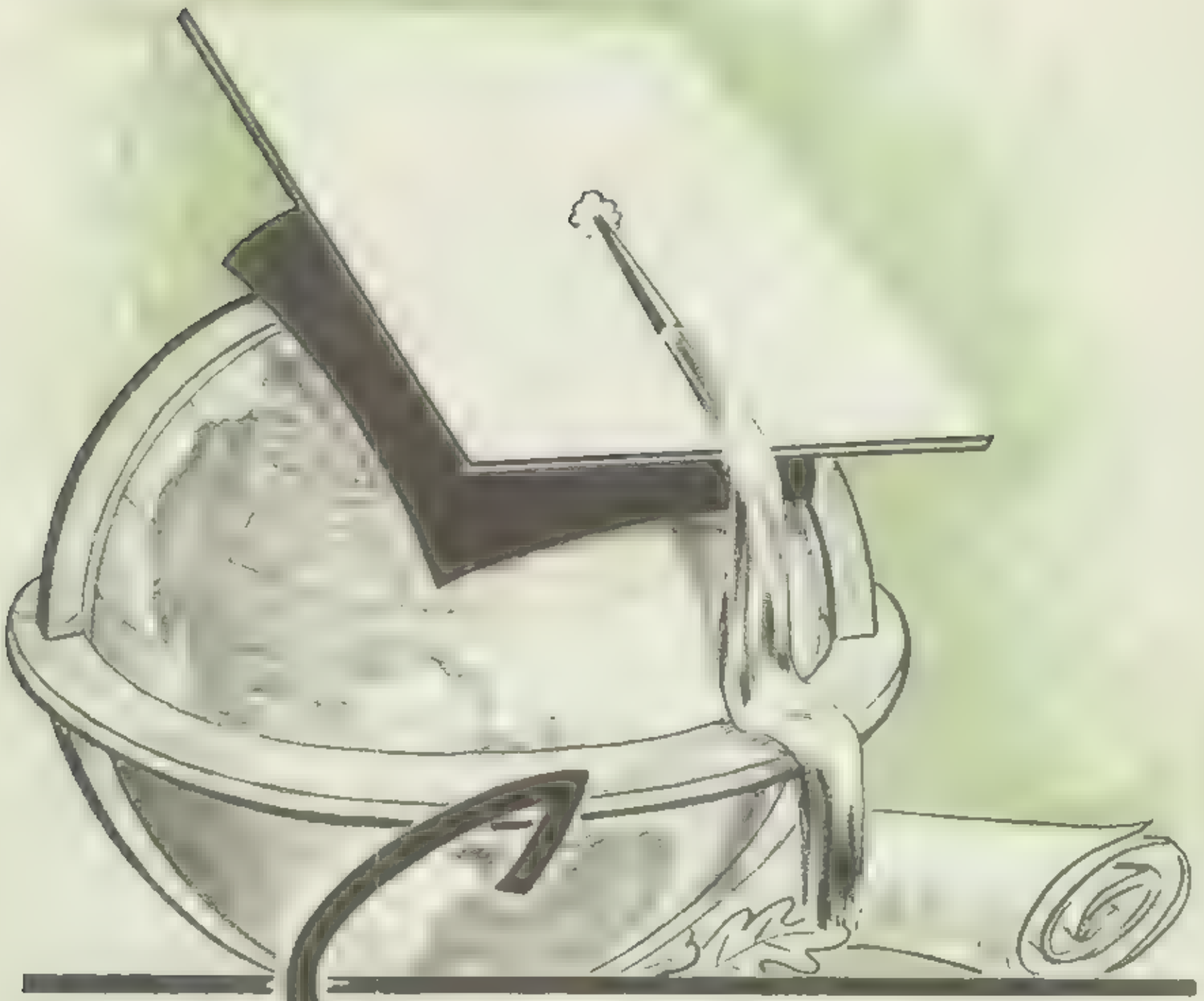








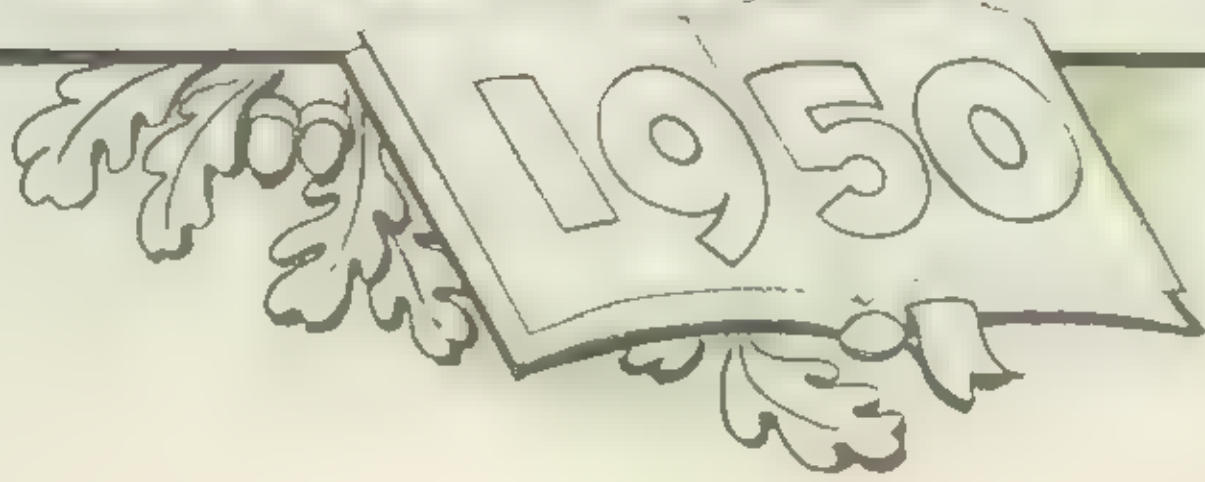




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*Seniors*

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Constance Barnes

"Connie"

Valedictorian  
President 1.  
Secretary and Treasurer 2, 3, 4.  
Cheerleader 4.  
Hilltop 2, 3, 4.  
Senior Play 3, 4.

Connie is the only girl in the class. She is also valedictorian and therefore the class brain. Connie hopes to be a ship stewardess. Best of luck to you whatever you do, Connie.



James Johnson

"Jimmie"

Salutatorian  
Vice-President 1, 3, 4.  
President 2.  
Basketball 3, 4.  
Hilltop 1, 2, 3.  
Senior Play 3, 4.  
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

Jimmie was captain of last year's baseball team. We expect to see him in the big leagues soon. Best of luck to you whatever you do, Jimmie.



George Recos

"Georgie"

Class History  
President 3, 4.  
Vice-President 2.  
Secretary and Treasurer 1.  
Basketball 3, 4.  
Hilltop 3.  
Senior Play 4.  
Baseball 4.

As class romeo Georgie is quite popular with the girls around P.H.S. We don't know what his plans for the future are, but we wish him luck whatever he does.







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## SENIOR CLASS NEWS

High school opened last September with three Seniors. They were Connie Barnes, Jimmie Johnson, and George Recos. A class meeting was held soon after school opened, and officers were elected. George Recos was elected President; Jimmie Johnson, Vice-President; and Connie Barnes, Secretary and Treasurer. Miss Amsden was our class adviser.



Our first activity was a Halloween Barn Dance held on October 28. The dance was a big success, with music furnished by Barger's orchestra and refreshments sold by the Senior Class.

Our next activity, held on December 16, was the Senior Play, Aunt Emma Sees It Through, a farce comedy in three acts. The play dealt with two young girls, Kathryn and Louise Adair, kept in seclusion by their old maid aunt, Aunt Emma. Louise determined to break away and marry, and she advertised through a matrimonial agency for a husband. Several applicants showed up, and at first Aunt Emma was led to believe that they were applicants for a job as butler. Aunt Emma put them to work trying out. Eventually Louise confessed her plot, and in the end, as you might guess, everyone got married, including Aunt Emma, the former man-hater. Those taking part in the play were Connie Barnes as Louise Adair, June Legare as Kathryn Adair, Marjorie Harper as Aunt Emma, George Recos as Jack Norris, Alden Phillips as Bud Gates, Clarke Johnson as Dick Christianson, and Frederick Elliott as Joe Sparks. Others helping backstage were Carolyn Thayer and Shirley Lorow, prompters, and Jimmie Johnson on lights and the curtain. Connie Barnes was business manager for the play and George Recos and Frederick Elliott were property managers. Mr. Bagley was our coach and Miss Amsden helped with advertising and properties. We wish to thank all these people for helping make our play a great success.



Our class is now planning record hops and food sales, which will help us earn money to go to Washington, D.C. in April. We are all very excited about our trip and plan to work hard so we can make it.

Connie Barnes '50







*Junior's*







Junior  
Class

BARBARA



Senior  
Play

STUDENT COUNCIL: JIMMY L. BROWN, PRESIDENT, CLARENCE J. BROWN, VICE PRESIDENT, JAMES C. BROWN, TREASURER, AND MR. ALLEY.

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### JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

The members of the Junior Class this year were as follows: Lucille Cooley, Carol Cooper, Shirley Dorow, Frederick Elliott, Marjorie Harper, Sally Harris, June Legare, Barbara Merritt, and Ernest Phillips.

The class officers were: President, June Legare; Vice-President, Frederick Elliott; Secretary and Treasurer, Sally Harris. Mr. Bagley was our class adviser.

Again this year The Hilltop is being sponsored by the Junior and Senior Classes, and they will divide the profit.

We are making plans for the Junior Prom which will be held in May, and which, besides The Hilltop, is the only activity of our class as a group this year.

Frederick Elliott '51

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### GRADUATION

As we all come to high school age,  
And each year comes to end,  
We sing at graduation time  
And towards our own we wend.

And when at last that day has come,  
Expectantly we wait-----  
Diplomas are distributed;  
We pass through school's last gate.

We wonder what's in store for us,  
What waits in life's swift race;  
Remembering pleasant times in school,  
We view each smiling face.

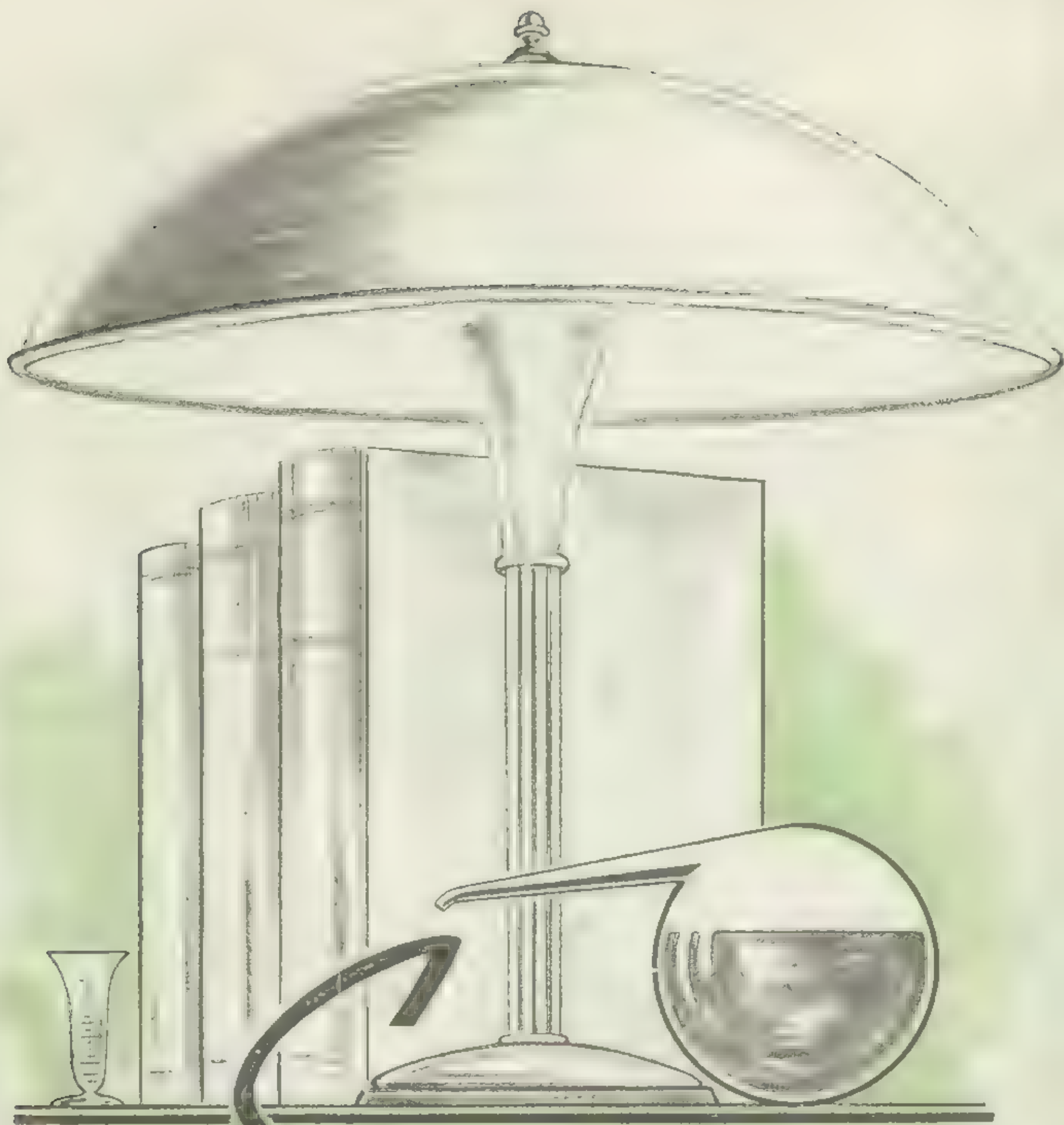
We think of all these varied things,  
As graduation closes.  
We think of them and reminisce,  
And smell the scent of roses.

Congratulations are freely given,  
Handshakes and blessings too.  
And we have earned a priceless thing,  
To have our whole lives through.

Clarke Johnson '53







*Sophomotes*







**F**reshmen









## SOPHOMORE CLASS NEWS

If you had visited P. H. S. on the first day of school, you would have seen nine happy sophomores returning to school. They were: Nancy Adams, Ann Bryant, Basil Coolidge, Alden Phillips, Carolyn Thayer, Robert Thayer, Vera Varney, Jerome Walsh, and Ann Yonker. Roger Greenough left us in our freshman year. Later this year Jerome Walsh left us to go to Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Our class officers remained the same. They were: President, Basil Coolidge; Vice-President, Alden Phillips; Secretary, Ann Bryant; and Treasurer, Jerome Walsh. The class adviser was Miss. Dawson.

In October the Freshman Initiation was sponsored by our class. Each freshman portrayed a radio character and a mock radio program was conducted, with Basil Coolidge as master of ceremonies. It was very successful.

Ann Bryant '52

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## FRESHMAN CLASS NEWS

On September 7, 1949 eleven freshman students came back to school babbling about summer vacation. They were: Eva Adams, Barbara Barnes, Judy Bates, Marilee Burnham, Marilyn Edwards, Flora Fisher, Elizabeth Gunter, William Hood, Jane Iott, Clarke Johnson, and Betty Russell.

The class officers were: President, Marilee Burnham; Vice-President, Elizabeth Gunter; Secretary, Betty Russell; and Treasurer, Barbara Barnes. The class reporter for the school newspaper was Jane Iott. Our class adviser was Mrs. Phillips.

Freshman Initiation was held October 7, in the town hall, and I think the sophomores provided a grand one. All the freshmen were good sports about participating. I think everyone would agree it was an especially good initiation program.

A freshman girl, Barbara Barnes, was head cheerleader this year, and she did a wonderful job of putting school spirit into every "Petershamarian".

Two freshman girls, Barbara Barnes and Jane Iott, took part in the annual oratorical contest this year. Jane took second prize and Barbara took third.

The Freshman Sports Dance was held March 31. This was the only activity sponsored by our class this year.

Next year it will be our turn to put on Freshman Initiation. We already have plans brewing and we hope it will be as good as ours was. See you next year!

Jane Iott '53

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## Junior High School

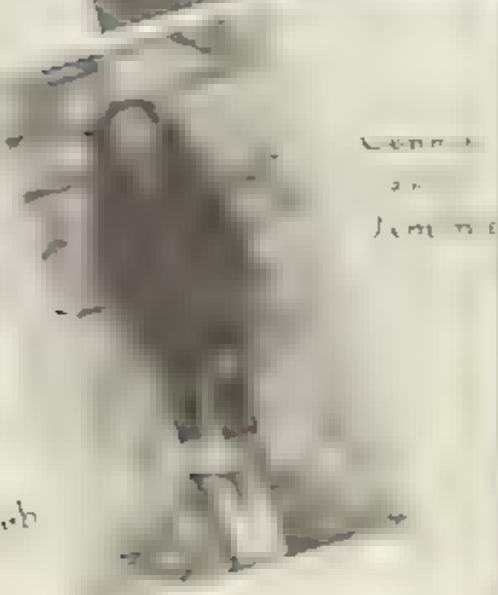
FRANCES ELLIOTT, ANNE EDWARDS, ADAMS, CHARLIE PERKINS, HAM, DOROTHY RECOS, JUDITH COOPER, PHILLIP LEGARR, AND MR. OLSON. THIRD ROW: MYRON BATES, ROBERT HALL, ELLIOTT, and VARNEY. ABSENT: PAUL CLARK AND ROBERT MACK-HALE.



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absent  
in the



Barb



Lenore  
or  
Lemore



June



Captain



## JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

The eighth grade started the year with the following students: Donald Baldwin, Judy Cooper, Lee Cunningham, Carolyn Douthit, Wayne Elliott, Charlie Perkins, Clyde Perkins, Robert Recos, and Clarence Young.

The seventh grade started the year with the following students: Arthur Adams, Ronald Adams, Myron Bates, Marilyn Bryant, Paul Clark, Beverly Dorow, Wilbar Dorow, Frances Elliott, Mae Edwards, Phillip Legare, Robert Mack-Hale, John Mayes, Viola Nelson, Helen Peltonen, Dorothy Recos, Roger Russell, Lee Smith, Frances Upham, William Varney, Jerry Wade, Margaret Yonker, and Peter Burdett. Peter Burdett left after the beginning of the year.

At our first Civics Club meeting the following people were elected as officers: President, Wayne Elliott; Vice-President, Marilyn Bryant; Secretary, Beverly Dorow; Assistant Secretary, Myron Bates; Treasurer, Frances Elliott; Assistant Treasurer, Robert Recos.

For our part in the Christmas program we recited the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, and we sang the songs Why Doesn't Santa Come to Me and Tom Thumb's Drum.

We are now planning a one-act play called Business and So Forth. Those participating are: Robert Recos, Dorothy Recos, Judy Cooper, Myron Bates, Lee Cunningham, and Arthur Adams. There will be dancing and refreshments after the play, which is to be given May 5.

Robert Recos  
Beverly Dorow

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### SPRING

Bluebirds and robins away in a  
flight,  
Make the whole day seem so bright,  
And when the robin starts to sing,  
It makes you know that it is  
spring.

When you see the gold of the daf-  
fodils,  
Sprouting up all over the hill,  
And the little animals, through  
their hibernating,  
It makes you know that all around  
you spring's awakening.

Marilyn Bryant

### WHEN WINTER IS OVER

When winter is over,  
And spring is here,  
The flowers will blossom,  
The birds will cheer.

The days will grow warmer  
And the sun will shine long;  
The sweet little robin  
Will sing his song.

When the wind is blowing,  
Gentle, low and cool,  
The children will think:  
We'll soon be out of school.

Dorothy Recos





# Athletics











# Basketball

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The girls started their practice in October and had practice two or three times a week. They practiced on the outdoor court, as the gymnasium was condemned. Twelve girls reported for the first practice. Shirley Dorow, a junior, was elected captain. Mr. Robbins was the coach, assisted by Miss Dawson. Despite having no gymnasium to practice in, the girls won four games and lost four.

## BOYS' BASKETBALL

The boys started their practice in October also. Ten boys were chosen to make up the first and second teams. Frederick Elliott, a junior, was elected captain. Mr. Robbins was the coach. The boys did not make out very well in the regular season, winning only one game and losing seven.

At the seventh annual Orange Tri-State Tournament the boys won one game and lost one. They defeated Northfield 39-35 in the first game and entered the championship division. A scrappy Petersham team entered the second tournament game against Belchertown with hopes of winning. A strong Belchertown team easily defeated them by the score of 61-23.

### Summary of the basketball season:

<u>DATE</u>		<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>		<u>BOYS</u>	
				P	O	P	O
January	6	Hardwick	There	31	44	30	45
January	13	Barre	There	35	28	22	47
January	20	New Salem	There	22	31	29	38
January	27	Hardwick	There	45	59	25	50
February	3	New Salem	There	26	32	25	29
February	7	Princeton	There	33	30	35	40
February	10	Barre	There	38	35	29	50
February	17	Princeton	Barre	28	21	33	31
Total Points				258-280		228-330	

In a pre-season game against Athol High School junior varsity team on December 6 the boys lost by the score of 34-22. In another pre-season game on December 15 the team was defeated 35-21 by the Athol Hi-Y team. After the league games, on March 3, the boys lost a close game to Hubbardston, 35-33. The game went into two overtime periods.

All games this year were played away, because our gymnasium was undergoing alterations. Our opponents very generously permitted us to use their courts for our "home" games; we sold tickets at these games and thereby we were able to earn a profit during the basketball season.





The cheerleaders this year were Connie Barnes, Barbara Barnes, and Beverly Dorow.

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### JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

This year a basketball team was organized in the junior high school with Mr. Olson as coach. The team had a very successful season, winning seven games and losing only three. Practice was held on the outdoor court. Lee Cunningham was chosen captain of the team. The members of the team were: Arthur Adams, Ronald Adams, Donald Baldwin, Myron Bates, Lee Cunningham, Wayne Elliott, Phillip Legare, Charlie Perkins, Clyde Perkins, Robert Recos, Roger Russell, and Lee Smith.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
December 10	Athol Team A	Athol	28-12
December 17	Athol Team B	Athol	32-28
January 3	New Salem	New Salem	28-15
January 7	Athol Team A	Athol	42-32
January 12	Phillipston	Athol	31-25
January 28	Athol Team B	Athol	29-30
January 31	New Salem	New Salem	40-21
February 4	Athol Team B	Athol	24-35
February 9	Phillipston	Athol	28-27
February 25	Athol Team B	Athol	23-27



A play-off for the league championship was held between Petersham and Athol Team B. Athol won by taking two games from Petersham. The first game was played March 23 and the score was 55-22; in the second game on March 30 the score was 43-35.

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## *Baseball*

Summary of the 1949 baseball season:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
			P O
May 4	Princeton	Here	11-10
May 11	Hardwick	Here	7- 6
May 16	New Salem	There	5- 6
May 25	Hardwick	There	7- 6
June 7	Princeton	There	9-10
June 8	New Salem	Here	1- 2
	Totals		40-40

The boys won three games and lost three.

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Left to right: Mr. Bagley, Mr. Robbins, Mr. Olson, Miss Ansden, Mrs. Phillips, Miss Dawson.



SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT: MR. BAGLEY (ENGLISH), MR. ROBBINS (SCIENCE), AND MR. OLSON (SOCIAL STUDIES). STANDING: MISS ANSDEN (ART) AND MRS. PHILLIPS (HOME ECONOMICS). ABSENT: MISS DAWSON (COMMERCIAL).









## Events

### MAGAZINE DRIVE

On September 19 Del Obert visited our school once again to organize the annual magazine drive. The drive lasted for ten days. We collected \$512.45 and from that we received \$183.04 to keep for the school. The prizes, paid for out of the school's share of money, amounted to \$28.00. Sally Harris was high salesman with \$61.30. Robert Recos was second with \$55.30.

### TRIPS

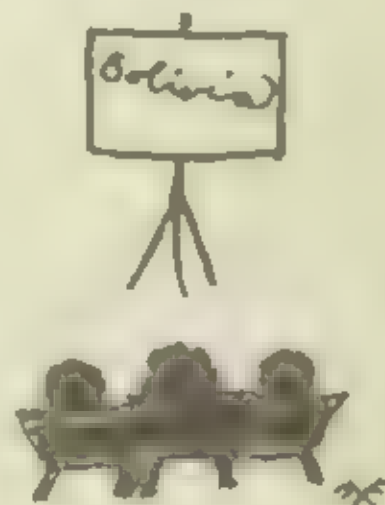
Several trips have been made this year by members of the high school. On October 8 fourteen members of the Freshman and Sophomore Classes made a trip to Worcester to visit Radio Station WTAG and two museums, Worcester Art Museum and the Museum of Natural History. On November 3 about thirty students and several teachers went to Worcester to Clark University to see a performance of Shakespeare's Othello on a stage done in imitation of the stage Shakespeare used. On January 13 the office practice class and Miss Dawson took a trip to Orange to visit the Minute Tapioca Plant and office. These trips were enjoyed by everyone and added something special to our school year.

### SPEAKING CONTEST

On February 1 three girls gave speeches they had prepared on some phase of the United States Constitution. The girls were Marjorie Harper, Jane Iott, and Barbara Barnes. Three prizes were given. Marjorie Harper won first prize, which was five dollars; Jane Iott won the second prize of three dollars; and Barbara Barnes won the third prize of two dollars. The prizes were given by the American Legion Post #415. On February 26 Marjorie Harper went to Winchendon to give her speech again. There she had to compete with five others, each of whom had won first place in his school. Marjorie did not win, but she made a very good showing.

### MOVIES

Many movies have been shown this year during noon periods and during class periods. The films are educational and very interesting. The films come, for the most part, from the Extension Service at the University of Massachusetts. The projector we use is still that loaned to the school by the library.





## Events

### HILLTOP NEWS

This year saw the beginning of a new school newspaper, Hilltop News, produced by the Freshman and Sophomore Classes. The paper has been sent to several schools, including Barre, New Salem, Hardwick, Athol, Orange, Princeton, and Bernardston. In return we have received papers from some of those schools. We feel that this exchange of papers should improve understanding between schools. Our paper has given complete coverage to news of the school and has had in addition many interesting special features. The Freshman and Sophomore Classes are to be congratulated on their fine work in producing this paper.

### GYMNASIUM

On November 9, at a special town meeting, the voters voted to remodel the present gymnasium. The work is now going on and the price, according to plans, will be about twenty-one thousand dollars. The ceiling is to be raised and an addition is to be put on for bleachers to seat about one hundred and fifty people. On December 7 the bids for excavation and concrete work were opened. Walter Robinson was low bidder and the work was done promptly. On January 12 the bids for the enlargement of the gymnasium were opened. The low bidder was Columbus and Berg, from Gardner. The work is in progress as this is written and should be finished by about April 20. The enlarged gymnasium will be a big improvement to our school.

### NEW EQUIPMENT

The graduating class of 1949 gave the school a slide projector.

It was purchased this year at a cost of eighty dollars and has been used to show slides and film strips. It is available for the use of the entire school. A radio was given to the school by the P.T.A. The P.T.A. also gave the school some wonderful playground equipment, including swings, a teeter board and trapezes; this was greatly enjoyed by the small children, until it had to be taken down temporarily while the work on the gymnasium was done. The entire school is grateful for these fine gifts.



Lucille Cooley '51





LEADERSHIP



AWARD

Honors



## HONORS AND AWARDS

Each year at P. H. S. there are numerous honors and awards earned by members of the student body. On this page we shall summarize the awards given at graduation last year, last year's baseball awards, and the awards and honors earned by the students thus far this year.

### 1949 GRADUATION AWARDS

1. For achievement in scholarship in the College Preparatory Course the following were given prizes contributed by the Petersham Village Improvement Society:
  - (a) To Beverly Elliott, \$25.00.
  - (b) To Melvin Merritt, \$15.00.
2. For showing the greatest improvement in English Robert Douthit was given an award of \$5.00, granted anonymously.
3. For outstanding citizenship Beverly Elliott was given a certificate and a medal, contributed by the Daughters of the American Revolution.
4. For outstanding ability in spelling the following were given awards contributed by the Merriam Dictionary Company:
  - (a) To Beverly Elliott, a gold award.
  - (b) To Sally Harris, a silver award.
  - (c) To Marjorie Harper, a bronze award.
  - (d) To Flora Fisher, a certificate for winning the junior high school spelling bee.
5. As class valedictorian Beverly Elliott was given a year's subscription to Reader's Digest, contributed by the publishers of the magazine.
6. For writing the best essay on the subject "The Relationship of the School to the Community" Barbara Barnes was given an award of \$10.00, granted anonymously.
7. For proficiency in the study of United States history Beverly Elliott was given the Washington and Franklin Medal of the Massachusetts Society of Sons of the American Revolution.

### 1949 BASEBALL LETTERS

The following members of the 1949 baseball team were awarded athletic letters: Basil Coolidge, Robert Douthit, Frederick Elliott, Clarke Johnson, James Johnson (captain), Melvin Merritt, Alden Phillips, Ernest Phillips, Robert Thayer, and Jerome Walsh.

### 1949-50 AWARDS

1. The leaders in this year's annual magazine drive were Sally Harris (first) and Robert Recos (second).
2. The winner of this year's oratorical contest, sponsored by the American Legion, was Marjorie Harper. Second prize went to Jane Iott, and third prize went to Barbara Barnes.
3. The winner of this year's good citizenship award, including a trip to Boston, was Constance Barnes.
4. The following members of the girls' basketball team were awarded athletic letters this year: Nancy Adams, Judith Bates, Ann Bryant, Lucille Cooley, Carol Cooper, Shirley Dorow (captain), and Carolyn Thayer.
5. The following members of the boys' basketball team were awarded athletic letters this year: Basil Coolidge, Lee Cunningham, Frederick Elliott (captain), Clarke Johnson, Alden Phillips, Ernest Phillips, and Robert Thayer.







## RADIO ADVERTISING

On the whole I would say that I do not care for most radio commercials. I wonder if the point of them is to be as annoying as possible. If so, what good do the advertisers think it will do? My impulse, after listening to some announcer drone on and on, is not to rush right out and buy the product. Instead, I feel that I never want to see it or hear of it again.



The soap advertisements can be the most irritating. For instance, Palmolive----you are told about the fourteen day Palmolive plan, how it will give you a clearer complexion, and so on. Then a sweet, feminine voice inquires, "Will it work on women with dry skin, oily skin, women in their fifties, women whose skin is not clear?" This may appeal to some people. To all those I have asked about it, it does not.

Then there are the cigarette commercials. The one I object to the most is the Lucky Strike commercial. An ultra-southern voice announces, "Yeah after yeah ah've seen the makehs of Lucky Strike buy fine, ripe, meller, tobaker. Ah been smokin' Luckies myself fo' nigh ontuh twenny yeahs." This gets tiresome. The "tobacco expert" has a different name each time, but the voice is always the same.

Another group of offenders are those whose commercials appeal to children, saying, "Now kiddies, you want to grow up to be big and strong, don't you?" Any self-respecting "kiddy" would never even look at the cereal, or whatever the product is again. The products that advertise this way are too numerous to mention.

There are other offending commercials, but those mentioned are, in my opinion, the worst.

Some commercials, of course, are different. Most of the watch commercials are perfectly acceptable. One which says, "Eight P. M., B-U-L-O-V-A, Bulova watch time," followed by a brief statement about Bulova's merits, is one of the least annoying commercials I have heard. Automobile commercials, too, are on the whole fairly good. They speak about the good points of the car and then close the subject. If a great many more companies would do this, radio listening would be more enjoyable.

Flora Fisher '53





## TOO LATE TO REGRET

Cynthia Brooks stood outside the jewelry store window gazing wistfully at a small gold watch. It would be her twentieth birthday on Wednesday and for almost two weeks she had hinted to Paul Sivad, her steady, that she wanted that watch. Suddenly realizing that it must be getting late she left the window and hurried home.

Later at home she hummed as she did the dishes. Thoughts ran through her head of how the girls at the office would envy the present she was going to get. Cynthia was sure she would get the watch, for she always got what she wanted.

Finally Wednesday came and it seemed an eternity before the office clock said it was time to leave. Cynthia rushed home to dress for supper. Paul had asked to take her to the Stork Club to celebrate her birthday.

At six o'clock the doorbell rang. Cynthia answered it and took the package a messenger boy handed her. She sat in front of the fireplace and opened the card attached to it. It read, "To Cynthia, with love, Paul." She tore the paper off the package and discovered a box of chocolates. Filled with disappointment and rage she hurled the box into the fireplace, without opening it. At that moment the telephone rang. She turned slowly and went to answer it. It was Paul. He asked her how she liked his trick of hiding the watch in a box of chocolates. In dismay Cynthia dropped the telephone and rushed to the fireplace. She was just in time to see the last flame flicker out of the little pile of ashes that had been the box of chocolates. There in the middle of the ashes was a small lump of melted gold. It was too late to regret.

Marjorie Harper '51

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## ONE NIGHT WITH A BABYSITTER

At seven o'clock your chauffeur takes you to your babysitting job. With three tests the next day you think you can surely get all of your studying done while you are sitting for the children.

You have two children to sit for, Jean, who is five years of age, and Jack, who is two. They are cute little children and very nice as long as you aren't within throwing distance.

For a half hour you have the pleasure of reading to them. "What will it be, Goldilocks and the three bears?" Very haughtily Jean answers, "No, the Lone Ranger!" The story starts off: "Marvin had been murdered. We must scrutinize—" "What does scu-ti-ize mean?" asks Jean. Next you are looking in Webster's dictionary. It defines scrutinize as the act of scrutinizing. After making a weak explanation to the children you go through the remainder of the story, skipping a page or two. They don't listen and their mother said one story was enough. Skipping a few pages seems the best way of hastening through the story so you can put them to bed.





Of course, there are the usual objections. "I'm not tired," Jean says. You weaken and say, "Just ten more minutes." If you didn't weaken, tears and screaming from the children would make you give in or would drive you mad. Ask any babysitter—they go mad!

The telephone rings. "Long distance, New York calling," murmurs the operator. This must be important; so patiently you send the darlings to the kitchen. Mind? That would be unthinkable. Then the circus begins. The children start yelling, fighting, and throwing things. You can't hear a thing and in utter disgust the other party hangs up. Just as you lay down the receiver the children become so quiet you could hear a pin drop. Look at the halos around their heads! Who could punish them?

Fifteen minutes later you patiently (like a lion) try again to send them to bed. I'll bet no one ever heard such screaming! Maybe the yardstick you used on them had a little to do with it. However, a little deception is also useful. You tell the children it is an hour later than it really is, and fortunately neither of them can tell time. Finally you have them at the top of the stairs.

Getting these two ready for bed is a major problem. Like all children they love to wash their faces and brush their teeth. After they empty the tooth powder on the floor and throw water at each other, the bathroom looks as though the h-bomb had hit it. Incidentally, so do you. Children are awfully free about throwing things around.

Since it would be unthinkable to write about what happens in the next two hours, your story continues when you have just gotten them in bed. Chokingly, Jackie asks you a question. Since he is only two and you are not accustomed to his way of talking, you do not comprehend what he is telling you. Finally Jean comes to the rescue and translates it. From what you gather, in your thoroughness to make sure he will not catch cold, you have tucked the blankets in so tightly that poor, darling Jackie is being strangled.

The children are getting tired by this time and so fall asleep in about an hour. By the time you open a book their parents return, an hour later than when they said they would return. They explain that they are sorry to be late but that at least they are glad to see you got some studying done.

All I can think of as I ride home is, "Dear God, please don't bless me with two such lovely children, and be good to their parents in heaven. Amen."

Ann Bryant '52

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### HOW TO HUNT DEER

Would you like to be a deer hunter? I suppose that question sounds strange coming from someone who has never been hunting, a girl at that, but then is it absolutely necessary for me to have had experience in order to teach you how to hunt? Of course not. Therefore I will go ahead and give some of the important points.



It is quite necessary that hunters fall into one of two classifications: (1) male and (2) female. Another thing, they should live either in the city or in the country. There really isn't much difference except that the majority of those who live in the city know absolutely nothing about hunting and can't hide it, while those who live in the country know almost nothing about hunting but do a fairly good job of pretending they know a great deal. Now, I think this lesson will be more effective if we pretend that we are all from the city, as that will give us an absolute lack of knowledge to work on.

To get the right atmosphere everyone must now dash to his moth closet and put on all available woolen garments. They should be as near your size as possible and bright red in color. If your moth closet cannot fill the bill, then you must hurry to your nearest clothing store and buy what is necessary to complete your ensemble. As soon as you are dressed, run out and jump into your car. (If you don't have a car, then simply get into the nearest one. After all, this is only an experiment and a car is a car.) Is everyone ready and in the car? Well, we'll wait a minute to be sure everyone is ready. Dum-de-dum. All right now? Good.

Now then, forget your present surroundings and try to imagine these circumstances. It is four-thirty in the morning and you are packed into a car with nineteen other hunters and everyone's collateral. Your feet and nose are frozen, and the horrid music on the radio would keep Whistler's mother awake. Nevertheless you must smile pleasantly and not let anyone guess how enthusiastic you aren't. It seems as though you'll never reach your destination but finally you arrive in all your glory.



Everyone must now jump ambitiously out of the car and look around to get his bearings. Of course it doesn't actually matter where you are as long as there is at hand an acre of land containing at least twenty trees and a few stones. (A briar bush or two would make for a more realistic setting but we can get along with none.) Next it would be well to unpack your equipment. It is imperative that you have at least fifty different pieces of equipment (preferably new). It doesn't matter what it is or should be used for as long as you have it. Simply everyone has loads of equipment, and who wants to be a square in the social circle?

As a final preparation before you start skitting through the trees, suppose you take one last look at the picture you received when you bought your equipment. That's right, the one of that strange looking creature on four legs, with two horns protruding directly above the ears. Remember a good hunter always brings home the game he went after. Always look at this picture before shooting at anything!

Now everyone may go out hunting for exactly one hour. By that time with luck some of the more resourceful and experienced hunters will have found some nice, sympathetic person with a warm fireside on whom they can impose for the rest of the day. Be back in an hour or find your own fireside!





Especially lucky people will catch something they may inform their family is a deer. The rest will have to think of something both believable and thrilling to relate. Those of you who forgot your gun may tell your stupid wives that deer may be killed in other ways. My best wishes go to those of you who can't think of a good story. When everyone has his facts straight and has assumed the right air of superiority he may trek back home.

June Legare '51

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### GEOMETRY

Have you ever taken geometry?  
We tell you it's sheer torturetry.  
Arcs, angles, parallelograms, chords---  
By two-fifteen you're awfully bored.



You work and work till you go mad,  
And then call Euclid an awful cad.  
The Greeks they founded it in their day;  
They should have kept it there, we say.

Axioms, theorems, and propositions  
Make for crabby dispositions.  
When asked a question, answer we must.  
What's a square? You tell us!

But all in all it isn't so bad,  
Even though we do sound mad.  
We really don't mind it (hear us cheer),  
But see if we take it another year.

Sally Harris '51 and Carol Cooper '51

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### RED TRUCK

Freddie own's a red truck----  
Boy he makes it fly!  
Once he gets it started,  
He's off through the sky.

He takes it to the ball games;  
He takes it to the shows;  
Freddie's behind the wheel  
Everywhere it goes.

When "Reddie" breaks down,  
Gee, that's a shame!  
But you know that Freddie  
Get's it fixed again.



Poor little "Reddie"  
Really gets pushed around,  
'Cause when Freddie get's in it  
He really goes to town.

Shirley Dorow '51





## MORNINGS WITH JUNIOR

You just had a very wonderful weekend and you're dreaming happily about it when someone opens your door yelling at the top of his lungs. The next thing you know your little brother is jumping up and down on your stomach. Of course the yelling brought you out of dreamland, but you were still only half awake. The jumping wakes you up altogether.

"Get off my stomach before you kill me," you yell at him. "Gosh, Sis, I didn't mean to," he says. After that phrase you have nothing to do but smile at him and say, "That's certainly all right," all the time wanting to wring his little neck. At that his freckled little face breaks into a grin and he says, "But after all it is six o'clock." You give a mighty groan and turn over for some more welcome sleep.

But that is not what Junior thinks! The next thing you know he has opened the window all the way and a very cold wind comes blowing in on you (it is only fifteen below out). "C-c-c-close that window!" you yell at him. He closes it with a bang that the whole town probably heard.

Your mother comes to the door to get Junior down to breakfast. He leaves with her help, yelling all the way that he hates breakfast and refuses to eat it. You turn over for the rest of your sleep, but it seems that you just get back to sleep when Junior is back again. "Hey, Sis, you better get up. It's quarter past six!" The fact is that Bill won't be by to walk to school with you till eight forty-five anyway. But with Junior up you know you won't be able to sleep any more. As your mother leads him out again you think you might at least be able to lie there and get a little more rest, but again Junior thinks differently for he is now banging on his drum as loudly as he can. Muttering and disgusted you decide to get up. Oh, how you do love these mornings with Junior!

Judy Cooper

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## THE SECOND CATHY DREW

My story is not a very happy one, I'm afraid. You see I'm everything a teenager wouldn't want to be.

First of all, my mother named me Abigail, and that alone would be a black mark for a girl and enough to give her an awful inferiority complex. I also have homely brown hair, which is straight as a string, buck teeth, and pimples. I look like a bean pole and, worst of all, I have to wear horrible old metal-rimmed glasses, which my mother says are more practical than plastic ones. Mother braids my hair in little stringy pigtails and I wear babyish cotton dresses, as though I were in third grade instead of a junior in high school. I've never been able to be like other girls my age because Mother and Dad are very old fashioned, and since I'm an only child, they just hate for me to grow up.



Today as I was walking home from school all alone, I watched the other kids with their friends, laughing and joking. Cathy Drew and Bob Smith passed me but they neither saw me nor spoke to me. Cathy is the vice-president of the junior class and head cheerleader. Bob is president of the senior class and is captain of the basketball and football teams. After watching them go by I made up my mind that I wasn't going to be an old witch any longer. I was going to be beautiful. I had saved forty-five dollars from babysitting and that was going to make me beautiful. The minute I got home I told my mother my plan and to my surprise she approved and offered to help me.

Early Saturday morning I left for Kenney's Department Store. It was the biggest store in town and had just everything in it. First I went to the dress department, where I bought the most dreamy little blue taffeta dress. (Oh! I forgot to tell you that that night there was to be a big dance and my mother had fixed me up with a date with someone. I didn't know who, but I could imagine what he was thinking as he looked forward to our date.) Then I went to the shoe department and I bought my first high-heeled shoes. Then I was off to the beauty salon. I had my hair fixed first and they fixed it to look marvelous; then I had a manicure and next I had a lesson on how to make up. On the way home I stopped and was fitted with glasses. They were light blue (to match my dress) and were shaped like butterfly's wings.

When I got home, I was so nervous that I couldn't sit still a minute. I couldn't eat any supper because I was so nervous and that upset Dad because he believed I should eat the right foods at the right time.

After supper I started the routine which had been mapped out for me in the book on dating I had read that afternoon. First of all I layed out all my clothes. Then I bathed and dressed. By seven-thirty I was ready for inspection and the boy (I hoped) wasn't coming until eight. I guess I passed, because my father hardly recognized me. It all seemed as though I were Cinderella and my fairy godmother had changed me into a beautiful princess. At last eight o'clock arrived and at two minutes past eight the doorbell rang. Mother answered it and I heard her say, "Hello Bob; Abigail will be right down," but I still couldn't imagine who it was. Finally I got up courage to go downstairs and who should be there but Bob Smith, the Bob Smith! Well, I can tell you I was about ready to fall through the floor! He looked up and suddenly he looked as though he had been slapped on the back hard. Finally he said, "Well, hello Abbie." Now I had never liked my name, but "Abbie" seemed very cute. We went out the door and were whisked off to the dance in his car.

All evening Bob kept saying nice little remarks that sent me walking on clouds, things such as, "Gee you're pretty," or "Boy, you've changed." The stag line cut in all evening long, much to Bob's dismay.

Now it's a month later and how times have changed. I now have a senior class ring on the third finger of my left hand and since Cathy Drew has gone, I'm now vice-president and head cheerleader. In fact I'm practically the second Cathy Drew.

Judy Bates '53

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## THE SERENADE

Tommy Jordan sighed. He had to sigh several times before his friend, Johnny Lee, asked, "What's wrong?"

"Everything! I took Ann to a movie about old Mexico and now she's crazy about dashing Spaniards. Nothing will satisfy her but a serenade in the moonlight, or some such foolishness," Tommy lamented.

"The problem is solved," Johnny said. "Serenade her."

Tommy scowled and said, "Don't be funny. You know I can't sing; you've said so a hundred times."

"That's so," admitted Johnny.

The two sat in moody silence for a while. Then Tommy sprang up. "I've got it!" he shouted.

"What?" asked Johnny.

"A record player!" cried Tommy. "We go and play romantic records under Ann's window and she'll think I'm singing!"

"What do you mean 'we'?" demanded Johnny.

"Well, I stand in the moonlight and move my lips and you hide in the bushes and play records," Tommy explained.

Johnny was not enthusiastic but he agreed.

Johnny decided to use Vaughn Monroe's voice. Carrying a Vaughn Monroe album, the record player, and a battered guitar for Tommy to pretend to strum, the two set out.

When they reached Ann King's home, Tommy spotted Ann in the window (he had sent her a note telling her to expect a serenade), and hastily Johnny, with the record player, hid behind a tree. Tommy stepped out into a patch of light and announced, "I will sing a sweet, sentimental ballad that always makes me think of you, Ann."

"Mule Tr-a-a-ain," blared the record player.

"Turn it off, stupid!" howled Tommy. But Johnny, sensing trouble, had left the instant he realized the mistake.

"Tommy Jordan, if you think you're funny, you're not! Never speak to me again, you beast!" cried Ann, fiercely.

"What's all that infernal racket?" thundered the voice of Ann's father.

"Oh, oh," muttered Tommy. Mr. King was notably short-tempered. Tommy tried to escape, but Mr. King spotted him.

"I might have known it was you, Tom Jordan," howled the old



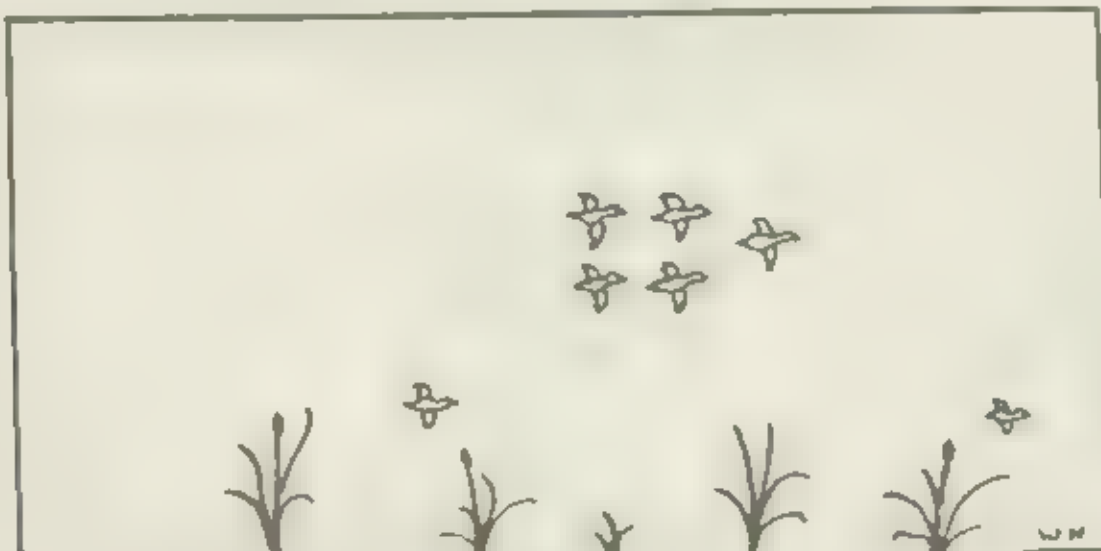
gentleman. "You have humiliated my daughter and disturbed my sleep. I never want to see your ugly face again, see? If you aren't off this property before I count five, I'm getting my shotgun. One--two--"

Tommy waited to hear no more. He fled.

Three weeks later, after Tommy had moved to another town, he received a postcard from Canada. It said: "Dear Tommy, It was an accident. Johnny. P. S. Please send my clean shirt and a pair of socks. I don't think I'm coming home for some time."

Flora Fisher '53

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Spring is here;  
The ducks have come;  
Soon ducklings will be near.

Robins again cheep;  
Nestlings soon will peep;  
Spring has come.

William Hood '53

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### BASKETBALL

Basketball, as you all know,  
Has five men. They can't be slow.  
They get the ball and race the floor  
And make a basket to raise the score.

The two guards have their men to watch,  
While forwards sink their fancy shots;  
The center taps the rebounds in-----  
That's the way a team can win.

A field goal adds two points to the score,  
While a charity throw may add one more.  
If the ref makes a decision you don't like,  
Take it with a smile, don't try to fight.

The game goes hard and baskets come slow.  
After five fouls you're out and must go.  
After the game you're in the shower;  
You won the game and feel much prouder.

George Recos '50

Frederick Elliott '51





## "HERE LIES HENRIETTA,---"

Hello! Let me introduce myself. My name is Henrietta. Yes, Henrietta! Isn't it awful? You don't understand how awful it is to be named that unless you are. For a while I went on strike and refused to answer to the horrible nicknames one takes on, but it didn't work. My mother only got angry because I didn't come when called and when one of my girlfriends called me over to invite me somewhere I didn't answer so she invited someone else. I guess it's just my lot. My mother can't seem to understand how cruel she was. She thinks it's a beautiful name, but I don't know what I did to deserve it. I think when I get married I'll name my daughter Ann or maybe Jean or Nancy--anyway something as simple as possible. I have no brothers or sisters; so they got out of it. When I was little it didn't matter because all the grown-ups called me "Honey", the girls called me "Girllie" and the boys just didn't speak. Going through the awkward stage was most painful because I not only had an awkward name but an awkward, bow-legged figure and I was clumsy as an ox. Now that I'm a junior everyone seems to notice it more. Always when I'm introduced to someone mother says, "And this is Henrietta!" as though I were a major climax in her life, and always (it never fails) they say, "Oh, Henrietta? My what an odd name. You don't hear that often, do you?" It's always so sweetly done, as if they'd rehearsed it a half hour in front of a mirror. I don't have any name on my warm-up jacket because my Christian name is too long and I can't derive any nickname out of it that doesn't sound awful. It's bad enough when every morning at school the boys call out, "Hi Henny," or, "Henry old pal!" or (what's worse), "Etta! Long time no see!" The girls think they're being sweet by calling me "Hen, dear!" but underneath they're thanking their lucky stars they weren't named what I am. Everyone always asks Mother without fail, "Oh was she named for her father?" and Mother tells them every time, "Oh, no, his name is Albert. We just thought it was a sweet name. We wanted a boy you know."

Someday when I'm dead they'll print on my gravestone, "Here lies Henrietta, who suffered great pain during her life." No explanation will be needed!

Jane Iott '53









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The Three Sisters



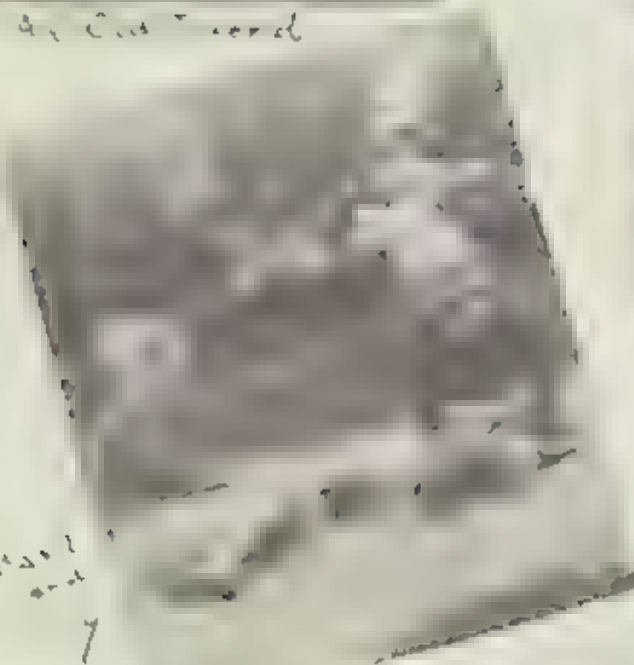
My Cousin Fred



Three Little Pigs



Lonesome



Paul and I



Three Little Pigs



Mr. ...



Barb and ...



Mr. Bagley



Where's Your Horse?



# Who's Who

## GIRL

## BOY

Best Looking	Jane Iott	George Recos
Best Athlete	Shirley Dorow	Freddie Elliott
Most Bashful	Betty Russell	Ernest Phillips
Most Sought After	Carol Cooper	Robert Thayer
Most Studious	Ann Bryant	William Hood
School Giggler	Barbara Barnes	Robert Thayer
Most Excitable	Elizabeth Gunter	Alden Phillips
Most Talented	Carol Cooper	Basil Coolidge
Best Natured	Sally Harris	Robert Thayer
Most Successful Bluffer	Jane Iott	Jimmie Johnson
Least Successful Bluffer	Vera Varney	Clarke Johnson
Most Indifferent	Jane Iott	Jimmie Johnson
Most Likely to Succeed	Carol Cooper	Basil Coolidge
Nicest Smile	Sally Harris	Robert Thayer
Wittiest	June Legare	Robert Thayer
Neatest	Ann Bryant	Robert Thayer
Most Talkative	June Legare	Clarke Johnson
Cutest	Barbara Barnes	Robert Thayer
Most Mischievous	Barbara Barnes	Freddie Elliott
Most Flirtatious	Barbara Merritt	Freddie Elliott
Most Popular	Carol Cooper	Freddie Elliott
Personality Kid	Sally Harris	Robert Thayer
Best Actor		Clarke Johnson
Best Actress	Marjorie Harper	
Best Singer	Ann Yonker	Basil Coolidge





# Statistics

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LIKES</u>	<u>DISLIKES</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WILL BE</u>
Connie Barnes	Athol	Chemistry	Ambitious	Ship stewardess
Jimmie Johnson	A freshman	Discipline	Augmentative	Husband
George Recos	Elizabeth	Apologizing	Devilish	Farmer
Lucille Cooley	A Davis	Babysitting	Industrious	Housewife
Carol Cooper	Red trucks	Teaching Sunday school	Popular	Homemaker
Shirley Dorow	Basketball	Dances	Athletic	Basketball coach
Freddie Elliott	Nichewaug	Serious movies	Smooth	Farmer
Marjorie Harper	The other Davis	New Fords (?)	Versatile	Actress
Sally Harris	Tall blondes	Dancing	Personable	Humor editor (?)
June Legare	Thayer boys	Being serious	Comical	Nurse
Barbara Merritt	Good times	Staying home	Attractive	Stenographer
Ernest Phillips	Sports	Girls	Serious	Baseball player
Nancy Adams	Nichewaug	Shorthand	Friendly	Wife
Ann Bryant	French (?)	Prompting plays	Studious	Nurse
Basil Coolidge	Geometry	Algebra	Musical	Musician
Alden Phillips	The Marines	Navy sympathizers	Athletic	Marine
Robert Thayer	To fool	Studying	Cute	Bachelor (?)
Carol Thayer	Boys	Small towns	Indifferent	Dean graduate
Vera Varney	Ray	School	Preoccupied	Married
Ann Yonker	Motorcycles	Movies (?)	Noisy	Homemaker
Eva Adams	Birthdays	Housework	Nice	Artist
Barbara Barnes	To flirt	Using bobby pins	Happy-go-lucky	Nurse
Judy Bates	A 1949 graduate	Amherst (?)	Carefree	??????????
Marilee Burnham	A senior	Peas	Cute	Co-ed
Marilyn Edwards	Cooking	Boys	Quiet	??????????
Elizabeth Gunter	George	New York (?)	Flighty	Model
Flora Fisher	Barre boys	Sitting still	Lively	Cartoonist
William Hood	Art	Conversation	Quiet	Tall
Jane Iott	Barre	Wearing boots	Reserved	Airline hostess
Clarke Johnson	To be noticed	Corny jokes (?)	Talkative	Basketball player
Betty Russell	Reading	School	Modest	Nurse





S O N G   H I T S

Connie Barnes . . . . .	"These Loves of Mine"
Jimmie Johnson . . . . .	"Jealous Heart"
Elizabeth Gunter) . . . . .	"So This Is Love"
George Recos ) . . . . .	
Lucille Cooley . . . . .	"Miss You"
Carol Cooper ) . . . . .	"We Just Couldn't Say Good-bye"
Frederick Elliott) . . . . .	
Shirley Dorow . . . . .	"Scalawag"
Marjorie Harper . . . . .	"Stanley Steamer"
Sally Harris . . . . .	"Where Are You, Blue Eyes?"
June Legare . . . . .	"You're a Character, Dear"
Barbara Merritt . . . . .	"Don't Gamble with Romance"
Ernest Phillips . . . . .	"All I Need Is a Cow, a Plow, and a Frau"
Nancy Adams . . . . .	"Have I Told You Lately That I Love You?"
Ann Bryant . . . . .	"Babysitter Blues"
Basil Coolidge . . . . .	"Rumors Are Flying"
Alden Phillips . . . . .	"Who?"
Carolyn Thayer . . . . .	"My Foolish Heart"
Robert Thayer . . . . .	"Enjoy Yourself"
Vera Varney . . . . .	"Daddy's Little Girl"
Ann Yonker . . . . .	"I Only Want a Bud(dy)"
Eva Adams . . . . .	"Where Are You?"
Barbara Barnes . . . . .	"I Want You to Want Me"
Judith Bates . . . . .	"My Dreams Are Getting Better All the Time"
Marilee Burnham . . . . .	"Can't Help Loving That Man"
Marilyn Edwards . . . . .	"Someday"
Flora Fisher . . . . .	"Quicksilver"
William Hood . . . . .	"Little Fish in a Big Pond"
Jane Iott . . . . .	"Sentimental Me"
Clarke Johnson . . . . .	"Are You for Real?"
Betty Russell . . . . .	"I Can't Begin to Tell You"
Mr. Robbins . . . . .	"Try a Little Tenderness"
Mr. Bagley . . . . .	"Why Can't You Behave?"
Mr. Olson . . . . .	"For He's a Jolly Good Fellow"
Mr. Wheeler . . . . .	"Music, Music, Music"
Mrs. Phillips . . . . .	"I'd've Baked a Cake"
Miss Dawson . . . . .	"A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes"
Miss Amsden . . . . .	"The Old Master Painter"
Freshmen . . . . .	"Ghost Riders"
Sophomores . . . . .	"Mule Train"
Juniors . . . . .	"Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered"
Seniors . . . . .	"Cry of the Wild Goose"

Sally Harris '51







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REMINDS US OF

"Trapped"	Chemistry laboratory
"Mr. Blanding Builds His Dream House"	P. H. S. gymnasium
"Red, Hot, and Blue"	Petersham
"Ham(let)"	Hot lunches
"Battleground"	Town meeting
"My Dear Secretary"	Office practice class
"Thieves' Highway"	Quaker Drive
"Ambush"	Deer week
"Stampede"	The cloakroom
"The Red Danube"	Swift River
"Gone With the Wind"	The rats
"The Red Shoes"	Dancing classes
"Flight into France"	The French class
"The Hidden Room"	The "Robbins" nest
"Master Minds"	P. H. S. senior boys
"Everybody Does It"	Passing all tests
"The Reckless Moment"	Changing classes
"Three Came Home"	The seniors
"Whirlpool"	Geometry class
"Intruder in the Dust"	P. H. S. janitor
"One Last Fling"	Last day of vacation
"Angels in Disguise"	The student body
"Beyond the Forest"	Athol
"The Devil's Henchmen"	The faculty
"A Dangerous Profession"	Teaching
"Once Upon a Dream"	Graduation
"Outcasts of the Trail"	Freshmen
"The Snake Pit"	Dear Old P. H. S.
"Wild Weed"	Grammar school gardens
"It's a Great Feeling"	Last day of school
"Riders in the Sky"	P. H. S. basketball teams
"Tough Assignment"	English composition
"The Threat"	Report cards
"Tell It to the Judge"	Absence excuses
"Trail's End"	Two-fifteen p.m.
"The Big Wheel"	School Committee
"Feudin' Rhythm"	Record hops

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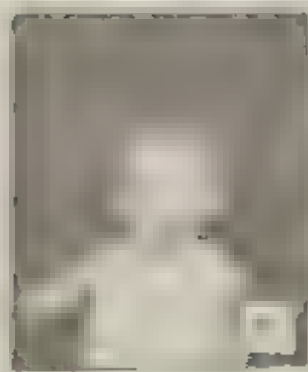
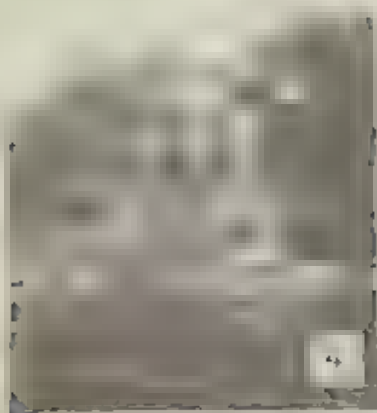
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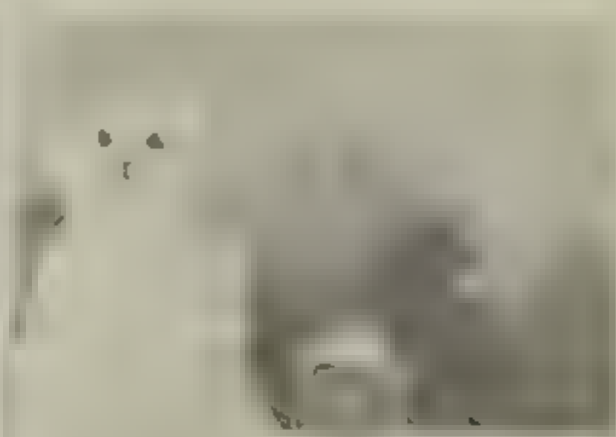


# Kindergarten





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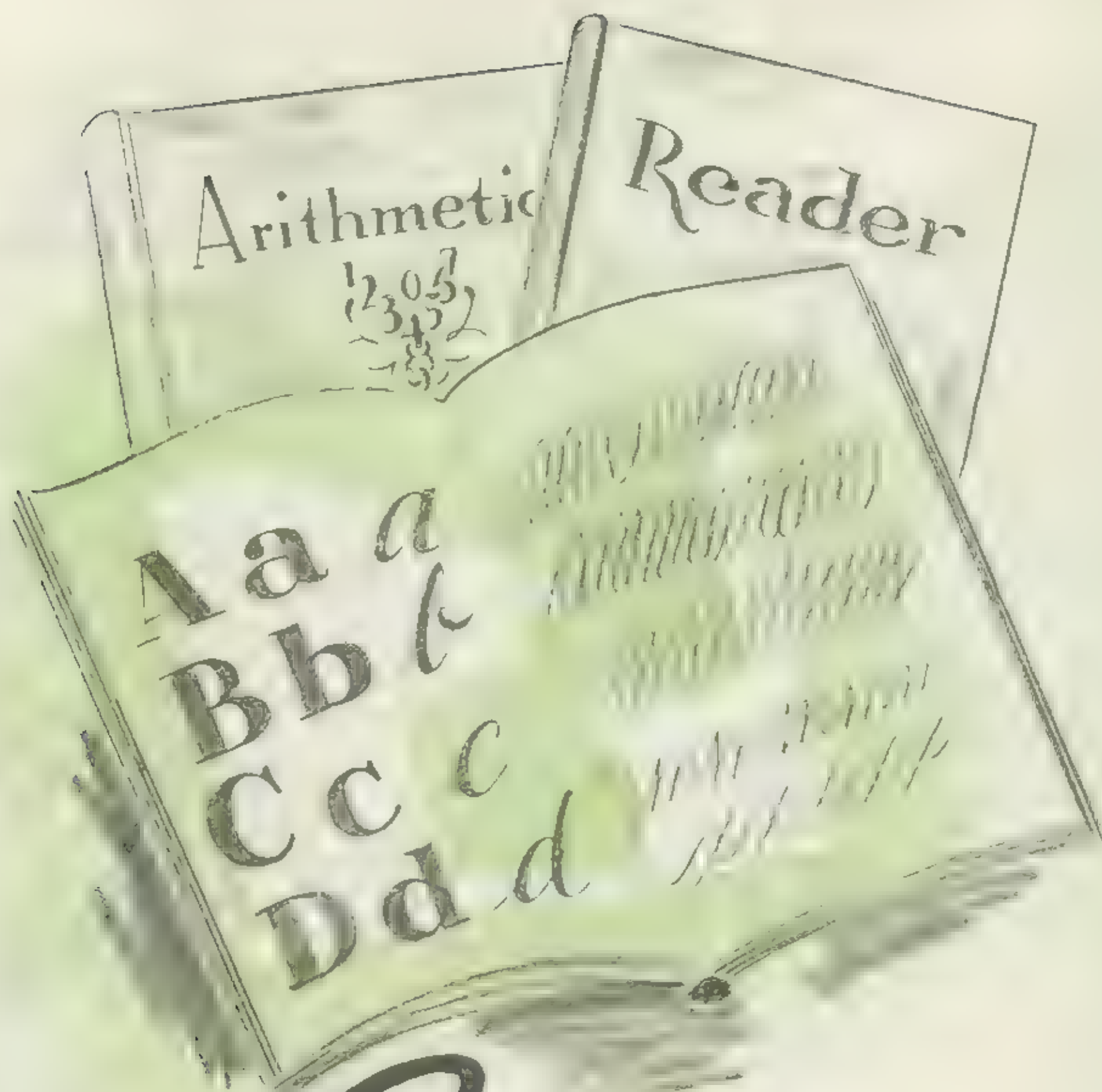


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## FIRST GRADE ECHOES

A small child should be taught to lead a well balanced life; therefore school activities should be divided into three portions: scholastic, physical, and social. During the past year we have tried to follow this plan. All of the requirements in reading, spelling, penmanship, and arithmetic have been met. All the reading tests have been passed by all of the pupils. Many library books have been read for pleasure, information, and as models for oral compositions. We have studied about Indians, Pilgrims, Eskimos, the Dutch people, and the holidays. This spring we are going to have a nature club which will help us in our study of wild flowers, birds, and animals. Games, dances, and exercises have helped to keep us physically at ease during our school day. Three parties have been given. The first was a lively, exciting Halloween party; the second was a happy Christmas party with a tree and presents; and the third was a Valentine party with postmen and many valentines. Thus we hope a foundation has been given each child that will never need a remedial program.

The members of the first grade are listed with the picture taken by Mr. Van. Patricia Gash left us in December to go to live in Barre.

Miss Cobb

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## SECOND GRADE

The second grade has had many good times this year. We have had parties at Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day. Our class also took part in a patriotic program in February.

The projects we have worked on have been interesting and we feel we have learned a great deal. We have studied about the Indian, the Eskimo, and the Dutch. For our spring project we organized a nature club and took many interesting walks and collected all kinds of things, including seeds, berries, stones, and insects. We have had a very happy year.

The members of the second grade are listed with their picture.

Mrs. Bates

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## THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES

When school opened in September there were twenty-nine pupils enrolled in grades three and four.

During the fall term we took part in the campaign to raise money for the Children's Medical Center Fund. Our room collected more money than any other in our school.

In November Ann Swift entered our school, coming here from Wor-





cester. Kathleen Yonker came back to school, having recovered from the illness which had kept her home since last spring.

Our Christmas Party was a very happy occasion, with one exception--Richard Kudron had left us a short while before to attend school in Belchertown. This left our membership at thirty, eleven in the fourth grade, and nineteen in the third grade. You can see who we are if you will look at our picture.

Miss Reid

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### FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES

When we came back to school in September we were surprised to find that we had Mrs. Clark for a teacher. Mrs. Hallberg was in the hospital and did not come back to us until October. When we knew that Mrs. Hallberg was at home we sent her a sunshine box, which pleased her immensely.

In October Mr. Magee, our new Audubon teacher, came to us for the first time. We have learned much about conservation and have enjoyed our Audubon course very much.

In December Richard Morris came from North Brookfield and joined our fifth grade. He did not stay with us long because on March 13 he left us to return to his own home in Worcester.

On February 9 our class went on a bus trip to Barre to hear a lecture by Allan Cruickshank, one of the most famous naturalists in our country. This lecture was sponsored by the Massachusetts Audubon Society.

In March our class formed a nature club with officers as follows: Hermas Swope, President; Elaine Elliott, Vice-President; William Russell, Secretary; and Patricia Thayer, Treasurer.

Many members of our class made bird houses which were to be put up at their homes to attract the birds.

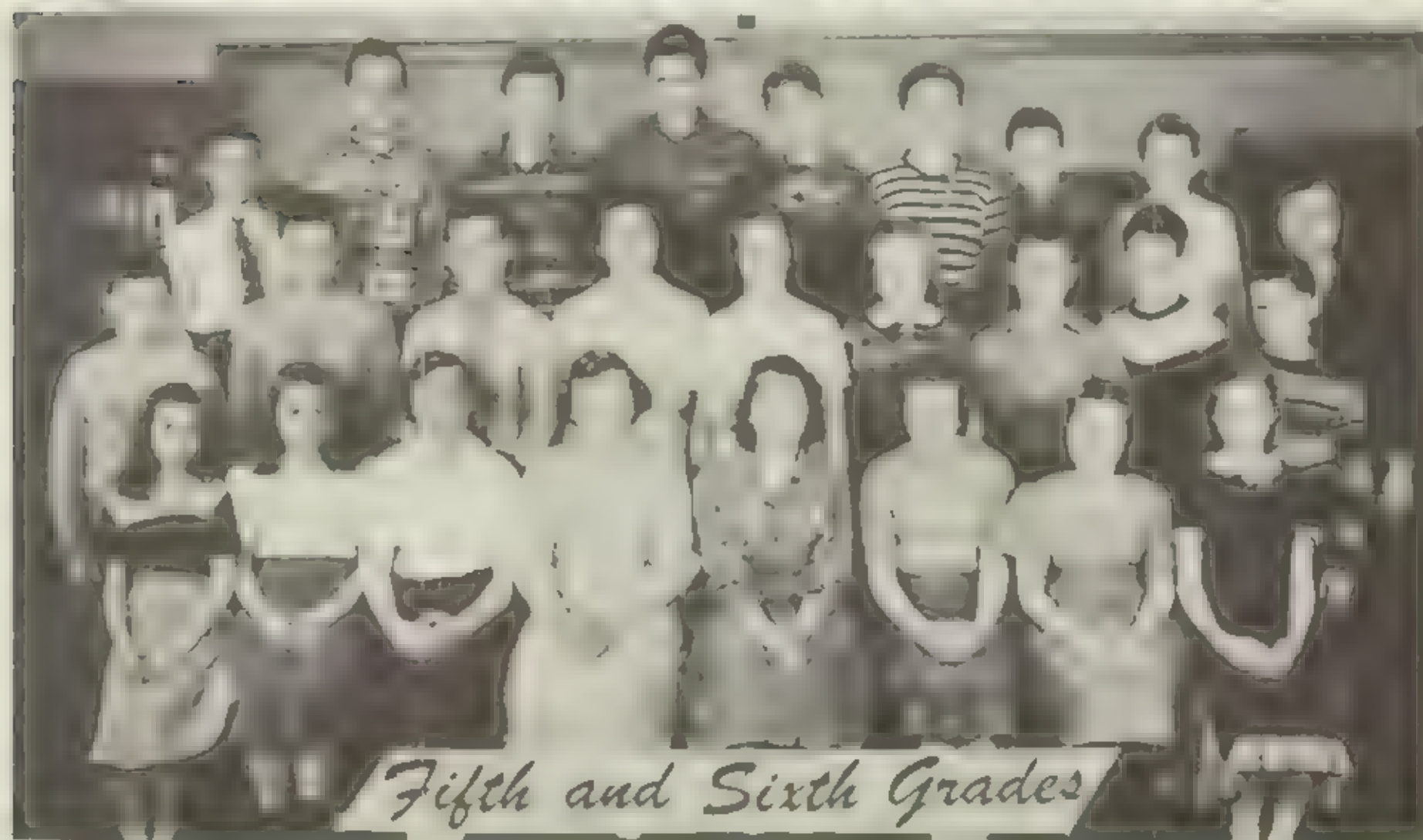
For the rest of the year we will be working hard to pass and we will also be preparing material for our annual exhibition.

Mrs. Hallberg

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FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: ALMA ADAMS, FRANK ADAMS, RAY BARNHAM, FLAINE ELLIOTT, PATRICIA CHAYER, ALICE DOROW, MAJREEN BALDWIN, AND MARGARET MAC ASKILL. SECOND ROW: FLOYD BALDWIN, FRANK BALDWIN, WILLIAM RUBY, HARVEY JAY, EDNAE EAT, CLAIRE ANDERSON, WILLIAM RUSSELL, DAVID BUELL, AND ARLAND FARNES. THIRD ROW: JAMES RUBY, PAUL LA POINTE, RICHARD MOORE, ARMAND HOOT, LEE CLARKE, HERMAN SWOPE, RICHARD COOLEY, FREDRIK MARSH, AND MRS. HALLBERG. ABSENT: NAN PAULEY.





A L V N I

Class of '45

James Barnes is attending Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.  
Florence May Cooley is living at home and is managing the Highland Beauty Salon in Barre.  
Glenn Lawson is now living in Iowa and studying to be a chiropractor.  
Gordon Mitchell is living in Petersham.  
Doris (Nelson) Coolidge is living in Walden Breezes, Concord, Mass.  
Edith (Newbury) Passingthwaite is living in Petersham.  
John LeFoer is living in Petersham and attending Worcester State Teachers College. He is married to Ann Withington.  
Leo LaPointe is living at Dexters in Petersham.

Class of '46

Bernard Barnes Jr. is working at the Erving Paper Mills in Erving, Mass., and living in Petersham.  
M. Kathryn Brunelle is one of the telephone operators. She is living in Petersham.  
Constance (Burdett) Hall is living in Hubbardston.  
Laura Knowles has resigned at the telephone office and is doing free-lance typing.  
Shirley (Preble) LaPointe is living at Dexters in Petersham.  
Gabriel Heros Jr. is attending Stockbridge School of Agriculture, Amherst, Mass.  
Clifford Updegraff is living on West Street in Petersham.

Class of '47

Virginia Bates is working in Leavitts in Orange, and is living in Petersham.  
Robert Belden is attending Clark University where he is majoring in mathematics. He is working part-time in Hutchinson's store and living in Petersham.  
Stuart Bryant is living in Petersham and working in the Union Twist Drill in Athol.  
Rosalie (Clark) Vitello is living in Athol and working in Grants department store in Athol.  
May LeFoer is taking nurses training at Hahneman Hospital in Worcester.  
Rosemary (Sullivan) Hayes is living in Barre Plains.  
Evelyn Updegraff is working in the Mary Lane Hospital in Ware.  
Lawrence White is living with relatives in New Hampshire.

Class of '48

Lois (Adams) Cooley is living in Petersham and working in the Union Twist Drill.  
Carlyn Bryant is taking nurses training at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.  
Sally Cooley is living in Petersham and working in the Worcester County Bank in Barre.  
Arline Dorow is living on East Street in Petersham.



Ernest Johnson is attending the University of Massachusetts and living in Amherst.  
Richard Warrington is living in Petersham and working on his father's farm.

#### Class of '49

Beverly Elliott is attending Simmons College in Boston and is living there.  
Kathryn Baldwin is living and working at Mr. Fisher's.  
Robert Louthit is attending New Hampton School, New Hampton, N. H.  
Melvin Merritt is living in Petersham and working in the Barre Woolen Mill.

#### Class of '25

Edith (Anderson) Mara is living in Oxford.  
John W. Barnes is the road supervisor in Petersham.  
Margaret Barnes is a waitress at College Inn in South Hadley, Mass.  
Mabel (Cutler) Russell is living in Petersham.  
Amelia (Jacobson) Swanson is living in North Platte, Nebraska.  
Edward A. Nelson is working in the Optical Co. in Southbridge, Mass.  
Clarence N. Russell is an artesian well driller. He is living in Petersham.  
Lillian G. Smith is deceased. She died in 1929.  
Elizabeth (Woods) Varney is living in Petersham.

#### Fifty Years Ago

As explained last year, there was no graduating class fifty years ago. There was no high school in Petersham between the years 1896 to about 1908.

Shirley Dorow '51

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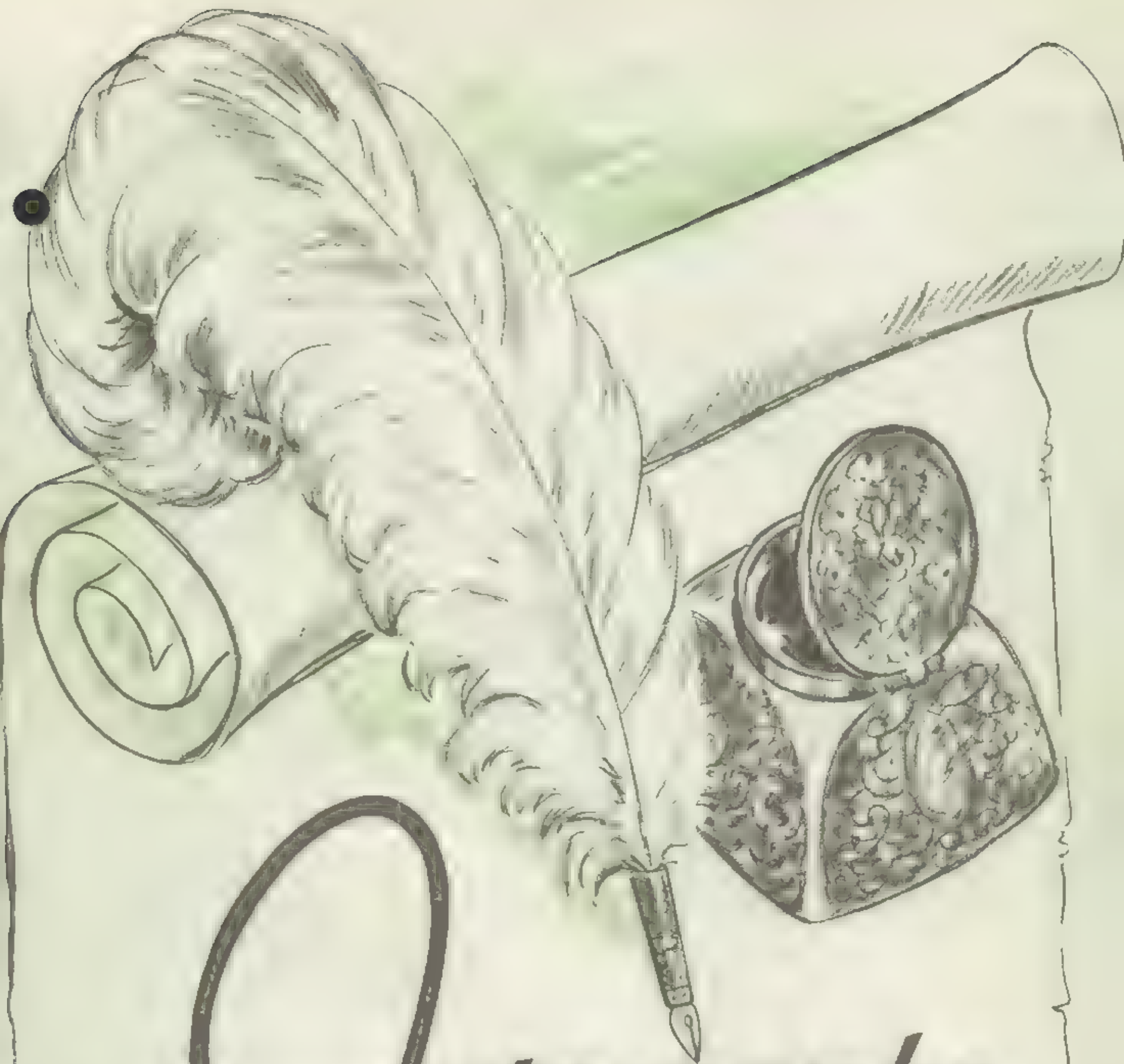
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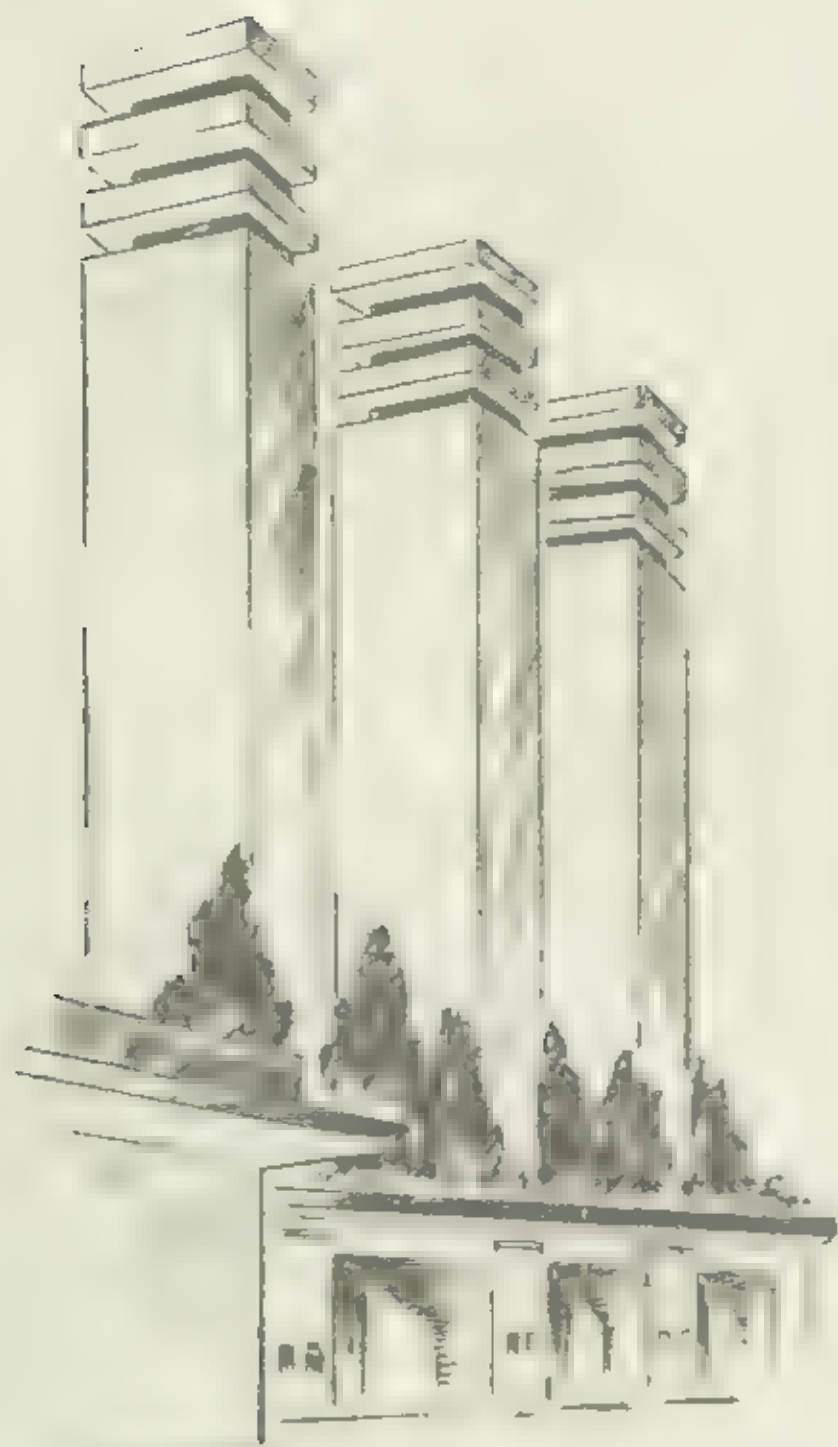


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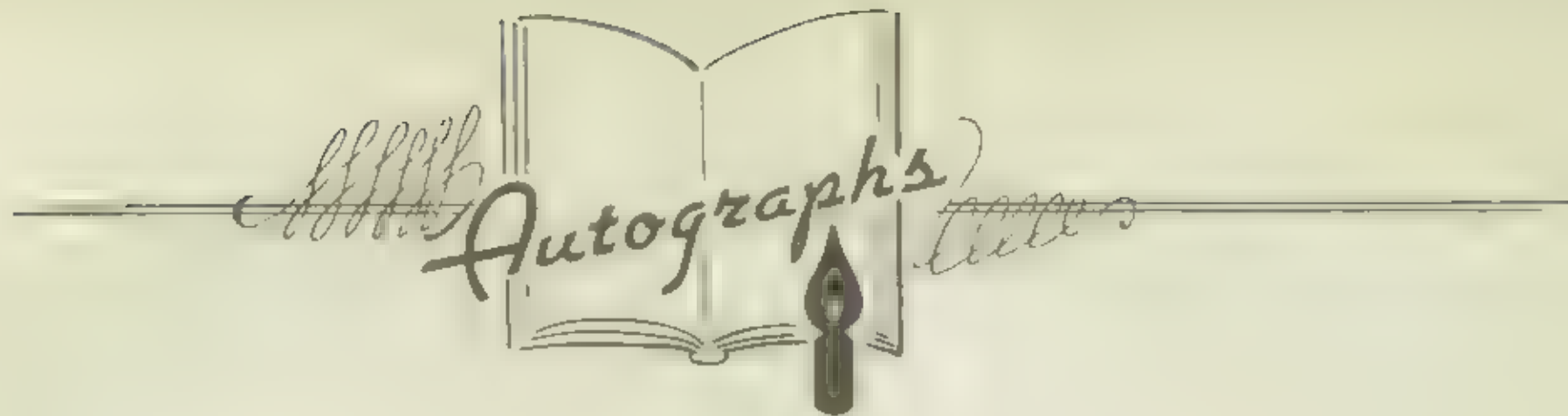






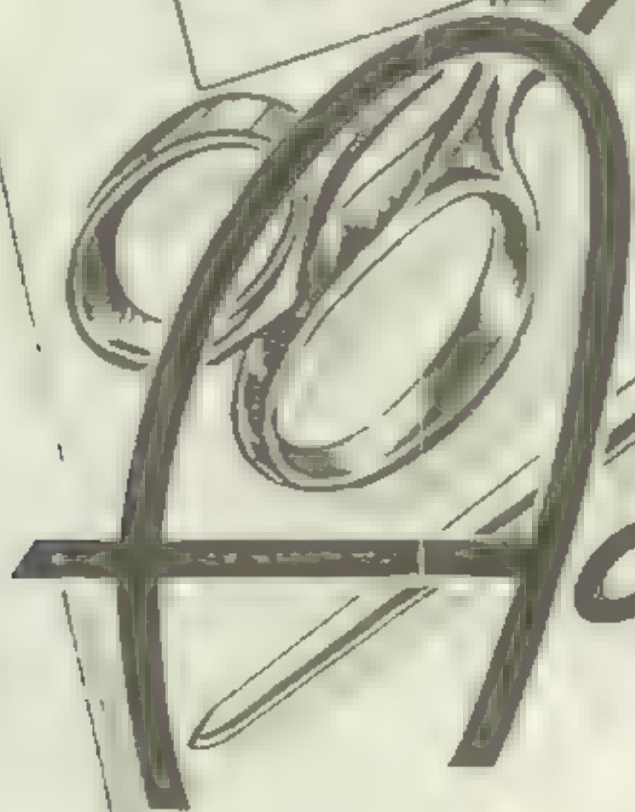
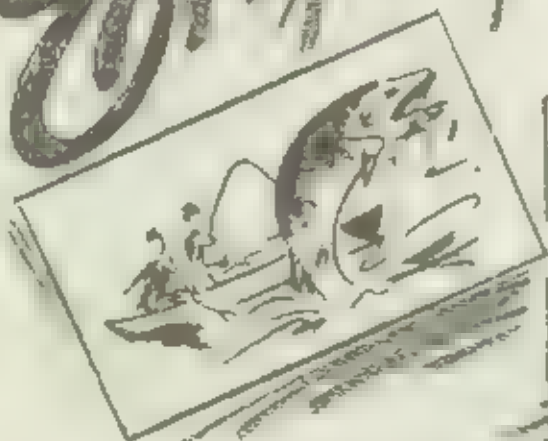








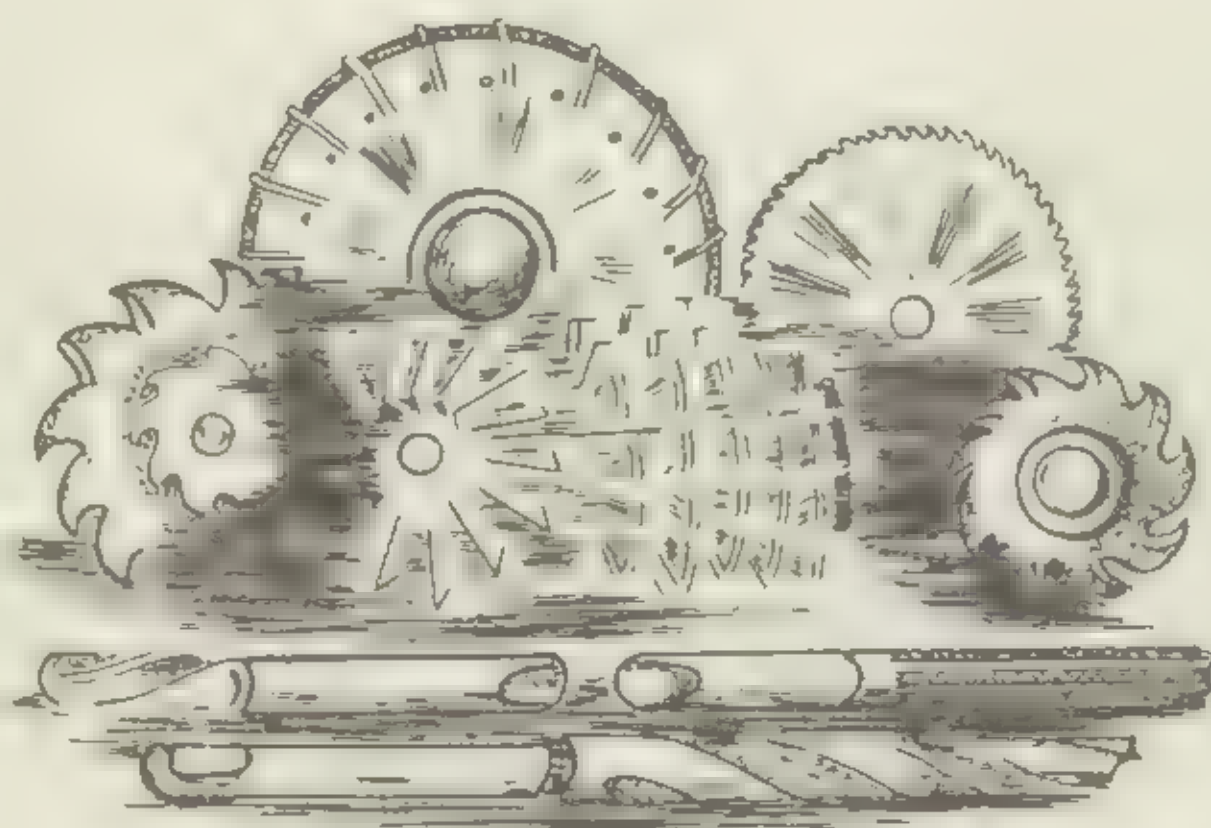
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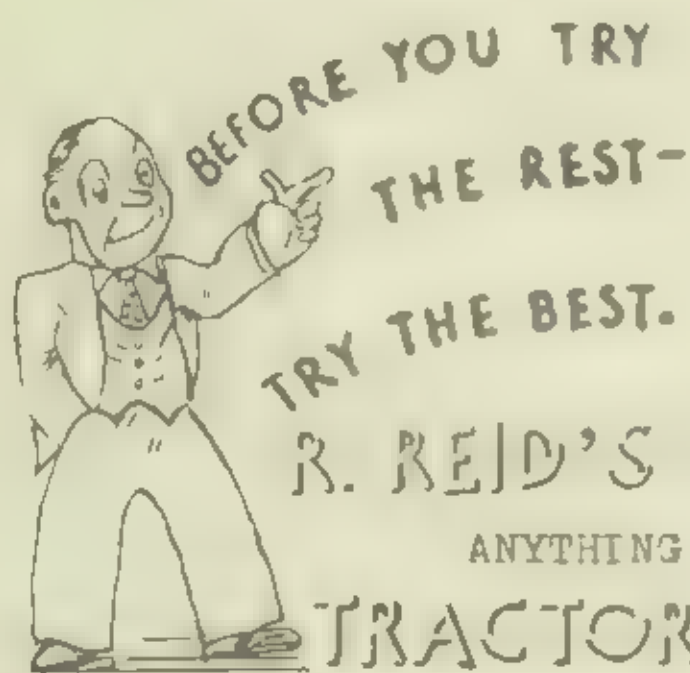
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